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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REQUEST FROM PORTUGAL FOR
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. SECGEN OF THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY SA CARNEIRO TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT AZOREAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT WISHES TO REQUEST OECD ECONOMIC SURVEY OF THE AZORES. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT SUCH REQUEST MIGHT MORE PROPERLY BE MADE BY PORTUGUESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. SA CARNEIRO INDICATED, THEREFORE, THAT REGIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKELY CHANNEL ITS REQUEST VIA THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

2. NEWLY FORMED PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE AZORES HAS CONTRACTED PORTUGUESE CONSULTING FIRM TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT PROGRAM. WITH RESPECT TO U.S. ASSISTANCE, AZOREAN REGIONAL AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED U.S. CONSULTANTS BOTH FOR OVERALL ECONOMIC PLANNING AND FOR SUCH SPECIALIZED FIELDS AS HEALTH. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE SUCH CONSULTANTS, DIRECTLY OR UNDER AN INTERNATIONAL UMBRELLA SUCH AS OECD. WHILE WE DO NOT KNOW SCOPE OF EFFORT GOP MAY REQUEST OF OECD, OUR GUESS WOULD BE A SIX-MONTH VISIT BY A TECHNICAL TEAM TO PREPARE A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NEXT THREE-FIVE YEARS.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. MISSION ADVICE AS TO
LIKELY OECD REACTION TO GOP REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC SURVEY.
WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE U.S. MISSION'S SUPPORT FOR SUCH A
REQUEST SHOULD IT BE PRESENTED.
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